

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 65. (Cancelled)

66. (Previously presented) A regulator device configured to reduce the gas pressure of a source of pressurized breathable gas in a self contained underwater breathing apparatus, comprising:

- a regulator housing;

- a gas inlet opening located within a bore in the regulator housing;

- a gas valve, comprising:

- a housing possessing an inlet opening and an exit opening;

- a passageway extending downstream of the inlet opening;

- a filter located within the passageway so that fluid must pass through the filter to pass through the exit opening; and

- a retainer device for removably securing the filter within the exit opening of the passageway; and

- a moveable cover member adapted to cover the inlet opening of the gas valve, the moveable cover member having a range of motion between a first position wherein the moveable cover member covers the inlet opening and a second position outside of the passageway wherein the moveable cover member is displaced from the inlet opening, the moveable cover member being biased towards the first position;

- wherein the housing of the gas valve includes a portion threaded into the bore of the regulator housing;

wherein a gas outlet opening of the gas valve is in fluid communication with the gas inlet opening of a first stage regulator;

wherein the moveable cover member is adapted to move from the first position to the second position when the valve is attached to a source of compressed gas; and

wherein the moveable cover member is adapted to automatically move from the second position to the first position when the valve is disconnected from a source of compressed gas.

67. – 96. [Cancelled]

97. [Previously presented] The valve of claim 66 further comprising a biasing element biasing the moveable cover member to the first position and being attached to the housing and not aligned to the inlet opening.

98. [Previously presented] The valve of claim 66 further comprising a biasing element continuously biasing the moveable cover member to the first position and being in continuous contact with the movable cover member.

99. [Previously presented] The valve of claim 98 wherein the biasing element comprises a spring hinge attached to an arm coupling the movable cover member to an attachment member.

100. [Previously presented] The valve of claim 98 wherein the biasing element comprises a resilient arm attached to the movable cover member and the biasing element does not include a spring.

101. (Previously presented) The valve of claim 100 wherein the resilient arm is in a low stress condition with the movable cover member being in the first position and being in a high stress condition with the movable cover member being in the second position.

102. (Previously presented) A regulator device configured to reduce the gas pressure of a source of pressurized breathable gas in a self contained underwater breathing apparatus, comprising:

- a regulator housing;

- a gas inlet opening located within a bore in the regulator housing;

- a gas valve, comprising:

- a housing possessing an inlet opening and an exit opening;

- a passageway extending downstream of the inlet opening;

- a filter located within the passageway so that fluid must pass through the filter to pass through the exit opening; and

- a retainer device for removably securing the filter within the exit opening of the passageway; and

- a moveable cover member adapted to cover the inlet opening of the gas valve, the moveable cover member having a range of motion between a first position wherein the moveable cover member covers the inlet opening and a second position outside of the passageway wherein the moveable cover member is displaced from the inlet opening, the moveable cover member being biased towards the first position;

- wherein the housing of the gas valve includes a portion threaded into the bore of the regulator housing;

- wherein a gas outlet opening of the gas valve is in fluid communication with the gas inlet opening of a first stage regulator;

wherein the moveable cover member is adapted to move from the first position to the second position when the valve is attached to a source of compressed gas; and

wherein the moveable cover member is adapted to automatically move from the second position to the first position when the valve is disconnected from a source of compressed gas;

further comprising a screw member threadably connected to the housing and attached to a hand knob, the screw member being distal from the moveable cover member with the moveable cover member being in and biased into the first position.

103. [Previously presented] The valve of claim 97 further comprising a screw member threadably connected to the housing and attached to a hand knob, the screw member being in contact with the moveable cover member in the first position to apply a linearly force and the biasing member continuously biasing the moveable cover member towards the first position.